

On Wednesday, March 22, the Honourable Donna Harpauer, Minister of Finance, introduced the 2023-2024 Budget in the Legislative Assembly.

This year's \$776 million Highways budget makes our roads safer, strengthens key transportation corridors and supports the province's forestry sector.

The 2023-24 Budget will invest \$422 million in capital projects. Several major construction projects will continue or be completed to improve safety and traffic flow, including:

- Beginning construction of twinning projects near Rowatt and Corinne on Highways 6 and 39 between Regina and Weyburn;
- Supporting expansion of the forestry industry through investments in gravel, pavement and road maintenance in northern Saskatchewan;
- Beginning upgrades on Highway 15 east of Kenaston between Highways 11 and 2;
- Completing passing lanes and widening on Highway 5 from Saskatoon to Highway 2;
- Planning for construction to extend twinning on Highway 5 east of Saskatoon; and,
- Planning for the third and final phase of the Saskatoon Freeway functional study.

This year's budget will improve more than 1,000 kilometres of highways, for a total of more than 4,600 kilometres of highways improved after four years (of the Growth Plan). Those improvements include:

- 230 km of repaving;
- 300 km of medium treatments, like micro surfacing;
- 340 km of pavement sealing;
- 115 km of Thin Membrane Surface (TMS) and rural highway upgrades; and,
- 35 km of gravel rehabilitation.

The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to make significant investments in intersections and road safety. Saskatchewan will fulfill its five-year, \$100 million commitment to road safety in this year's budget. Projects include turning lanes, streetlights, flashing warning lights, rumble strips, crosswalks and sightline improvements.

Budget 2023-24 includes an additional \$6 million for the preservation and maintenance of northern roads that support the province's forestry industry.

This year's highways budget invests \$89.4 million to build, operate and maintain the transportation system in northern Saskatchewan. Significant northern projects include:

- Gravel road improvements on Highway 924 northeast of Green Lake;
- Continuing to work on Saskatchewan's portion of the Garson Lake Road;
- Sealing the runway, taxiway and apron at Pelican Narrows Airport; and,
- Extension and sealing of the runway at Sandy Bay Airport.

Highways will invest \$62.8 million to repair or rebuild 14 bridges and replace more than 100 culverts across the province. Significant bridge projects include:

- Replacing the Montreal River Bridge on Highway 2 in the La Ronge area; and,

- Rehabilitating the Highway 6 bridge over Regina’s Ring Road for traffic heading north into the city.

The budget also includes investments in municipal transportation and shortline railway infrastructure, including:

- \$15 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads and bridges;
- \$6.6 million for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities;
- \$1.3 million for a partnership with municipalities and industry to support a significant expansion of the Moosomin airport;
- \$850,000 to support community airport improvements that when combined with matching partner funds create a \$1.7 million investment; and,
- \$530,000 for improvements to shortline railways.

With this year’s budget, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$12 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 19,400 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways.

For more information, you can read the [Highways budget news release](#). The attachments include a map outlining 2023-24 construction projects.

For additional details about the 2023-24 Budget, please visit: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca>.

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